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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.
To the Republican Electors of Michigan:

By order of the Republican State Central Committee, the date for the Republican State Convention of 1906, heretofore called to meet in the City of Detroit, is changed to

July 31, 1906.

GERRITT J. DIEKEMA,
Chairman.DENNIS E. ALWARD,
Secretary.

If there is any truth to the statement which has recently been made, that President Roosevelt is at present unpopular in financial circles, then those who are the responsible factors in financial circles should do some better and clearer thinking touching matters of most importance to themselves. President Roosevelt has not created the troublesome problems in the solving of which he has sought to be an effective assistant, but his recognition of the danger due to their longer existence has been quick and his decisions equally prompt. If he has seemed to be radical it is because of the fact that only such means and measures would produce the immediate results required. President Roosevelt's most strenuous efforts during recent months have been in behalf of the observance of law, of the fulfillment of moral and legal obligations, and have been directed against grafts and rebates, against disreputable business methods and against the perpetuation of unequal and unjust privileges. For this service he should be favorably regarded by the responsible leaders of our country's financial circles, and if this is not true then the fault in the case rests not with President Roosevelt.

The activity in behalf of Bryan as a prospective presidential candidate is due to actual fear on the part of Democratic leaders, east and west, that William R. Hearst can take control of the party organization away from any other man. That is the interpretation put upon the Bryan boom by one recognized party journal, and it is known to be true. Bryan will be utilized as a means of escape from certain party chaos and complete party disruption, for that is unquestionably what Hearst's nomination would mean. But Mr. Bryan's usefulness will have ended with the defeat of Hearst. He is a more ardent free trader than Grover Cleveland, and he still thinks that settlement of the money question has only been postponed, not concluded. Bryan's election would mean an abrupt about-face in policies and plans which have permitted the United States to lead the world in almost every respect in which leadership is desirable. But that is a possible future trouble against which the good judgment of the American voters will enable them to protect themselves.

The Oregon election was of exceptional interest this year because the people voted directly for a member of the United States senate as well as for governor and other officers. To be sure, the senatorial contest will not be formally over until the legislature has acted, but it has been agreed by both parties that this body shall merely ratify the choice of the people.

The Republican candidate for senator, Jonathan Bourne, Jr., won in the popular election, defeating John M. Gearin, Democrat, who was appointed by the governor to fill the seat of the late John N. Mitchell until the election of a senator by the legislature. Mr. Bourne removed from Massachusetts to Oregon several decades ago and has been engaged in lumber, real estate and other operations on an extensive scale. His father, Jonathan Bourne, Sr., was a resident of the town of Bourne, Mass., which was named in his honor when it was set off from the town of Sandwich in 1854. The elder Bourne was a millionaire several times over and made his fortune principally in the whaling industry. Before he died he distributed \$500,000 to each of his three children, two daughters and one son. At his death there was a still larger distribution. His widow now resides in New Bedford with an unmarried daughter. The latter has given a high school building to the town of Bourne.

Emma Williams, of Belting, who has been visiting her grandmother a few weeks, returned to her home Tuesday.

HUSTLING RIVERDALE

The Centre of a Large Farming District that is Being Rapidly Developed.

LARGE BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

Riverdale Bank a Flourishing Institution—Located in a Commodious Building.

During the past five years few localities in the county have experienced a more substantial and healthy growth than the farming district tributary to Riverdale. Like many other Michigan towns that lost their main support with the exhaustion of the timber Riverdale is undergoing a gradual change from a lumbering village to an agricultural center. Well cultivated farms are taking the place of pine stump wastes and the increasing trade of the business establishments gives evidence of prosperity.

Riverdale is the distributing point of a territory extending over a radius of five to ten miles on all sides. Alma is the nearest place that offers strong competition. At present the



Hon. A. B. Duragh, President Bank of Riverdale.

farming region lying south of Riverdale is the best developed, but the land in other directions is being rapidly cleared up and settled by a thrifty, intelligent class of people.

A total of nearly 1,800 acres of sugar beets, beans and cucumbers are under cultivation this season in the vicinity of Riverdale. When these crops are gathered about \$60,000 in cash will be paid out to the farmers. Both the Alma and St. Louis companies have contracts for beets. About 400 acres are being raised for the two companies.

In any farming community the extent and patronage of the Rural Free Delivery service is an indication of the prosperity and progressiveness of the people. One route goes out from Riverdale. It covers 25½ miles and serves 154 families. It is thought that within a year application will be made for the establishment of another route.

The youngest institution in Riverdale and one of which every business man now speaks enthusiastically is the Riverdale bank. Established last November, the bank has been a success from the start. Business that was previously transacted through banks at Edmore and other places, has been transferred to the local institution. All the merchants are patrons of the bank and it draws much support from the farmers.

The bank is located in an attractive, well constructed cement building. Ground was broken for the foundation last December and the doors were opened for business January 27. The structure is 48x26 feet in size. The arrangement of the interior is excellent. There is a large lobby and general office furnished with 25 feet of solid black walnut fixtures. All the interior furnishings are of ash. The directors' room, 12 by 15 feet, adjoins the lobby and opens into the office. Ample provision is made against loss by fire or burglary. The vault is nine feet square, in side dimensions, and is fitted with the latest appliances to protect its contents. It has a McNeal & Urban time lock safe and application has been made for burglar insurance.

Some of the leading financiers of the county are represented in the board of directors.

They are as follows: Congressman A. B. Duragh of St. Louis, president; F. H. Rowland of Riverdale, cashier; Thomas J. Blair of Elm Hall; R. A. Church of St. Louis; F. W. Blair, auditor of the State Savings Bank of Detroit.

Mr. Rowland has gained many friends during his short residence in Riverdale and has won the confidence of all who have become acquainted with him through their business dealings. He is a graduate of the Michigan State Normal College and has had 11 years successful experience as superintendent of schools. Before as-

suming his present position he was for five years at the head of the Shepherd schools. Mr. Rowland expects to make Riverdale his permanent home and is now building a commodious residence costing \$2,000.

R. E. Moblo & Co. conduct one of the largest department stores in Gratiot county. Besides a full line of furniture, hardware, groceries and dry goods, there are undertaking rooms in connection with the store. Moblo Company's establishment is a favorite depot of supplies for the people in all the surrounding country. Their groceries are always fresh and of the best the markets afford and the dry goods department compares favorably with the best stores in larger towns. The extensive stock of hardware comprises all descriptions of shelf goods, heavy hardware, cooking and heating stoves and utensils, tools, building materials, cutlery, farm and garden implements, etc., and a full line of tinware. In the line of furniture the store carries a large and well assorted stock. The undertaking department is supplied with all funeral necessities. Mr. Moblo gives prompt and careful attention to all cases committed to his hands.

The general store of W. H. Wyeth & Son has a most desirable line of goods. A profitable business is done in exchange for farm produce. Wyeth & Son have built up a large trade by fair and liberal dealing.

An attractive ice cream parlor is conducted by Mrs. T. S. Tallon. Pure and delicious ice cream is always on hand and refreshing drinks of various flavors of soda water are served.

Last spring Libby, McNeil & Libby, the great canning firm of Chicago, purchased from Pressing & Orr of Corvallis, Ohio, the pickle factory at Riverdale. At present the factory handles only cucumbers, but next year the plant will be enlarged to twice its capacity and cauliflower, onions, cabbage and other vegetables will be used in addition to cucumbers. The building is now 48x206 feet in size. Last season the pickle factory purchased 32,000 bushels of cucumbers, for which the farmers received \$12,000. This sum represents an average profit of \$75 per acre for the grower. The cost of picking the cucumbers is from \$1 to \$2 per acre. Cucumbers purchased by the factory are graded according to size, 65 cents per bushel being paid for those less than five inches long and 15 cents for the larger size. Two hundred acres are under contract this year. The firm will begin at once to make contracts for next year and expects to double the acreage. The pay roll

of the employees of the factory during the busy season is \$10 per day. Thomas S. Tallon is the resident manager of the plant.

Wm. H. Owen is proprietor of the drug store in Riverdale. A practical pharmacist of long experience and regularly licensed under the state law, his prescriptions are always to be depended upon. He occupies a neat store, well fitted with a complete stock of drug supplies of the best and purest, as well as a fine line of toilet articles. Mr. Owen came to Riverdale from Stanton about a year ago. He is a substantial, keen sighted business man and is interested in several large enterprises outside of Riverdale.

F. C. Hyde is a dealer in agricultural implements and also has a general store. He carries a large assortment of buggies, wagons and farming tools of all descriptions.

Lee Honck, of the firm of Lee Honck & Son, is one of the pioneer merchants of Gratiot county. For over 2 years he has been engaged in business at Elm Hall and Riverdale. The firm deals in groceries and general supplies and buys and sells large quantities of butter and eggs. A wagon is kept on the road during the summer for the purpose of collecting eggs and butter from the farmers.

The V. P. Cash Co., of which Mr. Cash is the manager and principal stockholder, does a general retail and wholesale business in beans and farm produce. The concern owns an elevator and a feed mill. This year over 400 acres of beans are under contract. Mr. Cash buys produce from points

as far distant as Carson City and handles nearly all the grain business in the vicinity of Riverdale. At present the plant is leased to the Saginaw Milling Co., which is working on joint account with the V. P. Cash Co.

The Van Alstyne meat market is doing a thriving business in Riverdale. Mr. Van Alstyne is a man of enterprise and experience in the meat business. He deals in all kinds of fresh and smoked meats, poultry and lard. His daily supplies have no superior in any market in the county.

The Hotel Strong has recently been purchased by J. E. Mead of Alma. When Mr. Mead completes certain improvements that he expects to undertake at once the best of service can be given. The rates are reasonable and the board is excellent.

The United States Canning Co. has opened a plant at Riverdale for the purpose of receiving and shipping beans. About 500 acres are under contract with farmers in the surrounding country. The elevator has been provided with a complete equipment to care for the crop when it is harvested next fall. Next year the business will be enlarged. William Strong is manager of the plant.

Dr. E. C. Gardner has been located at Riverdale for the past two years. He is a graduate of the medical department of the University of Michigan in the class of 1904. Dr. Gardner has built up an extensive practice during the comparatively short time that he has been located in the community. His popularity and the esteem in which he is held marks him as one who has proved his capabilities.

Over 100 pupils receive instruction in the Riverdale schools. Four teachers are employed. Mr. Gibson, who was principal last year, has been engaged for next year. On account of the increase in attendance it seemed necessary to enlarge the school house and proposition is now on foot with that end in view.

Saloons have been banished from Riverdale. In April the township board raised the amount of the bonds to \$6,000 in response to a petition and on May 1 liquor selling ceased, because the dealers could not secure bondsmen. The business men seemed well satisfied with the atmosphere of dryness that has prevailed since that time.

WHYSUFFER WITH PILES?
My patrons know that my guaranty is good and when I say that I guarantee Dr. Colwell's Egyptian Pile Cure to cure any case of piles, you may know that it will do it. If it fails to satisfy you, I will pay you back the purchase price.

CHAS. RHODES.

You don't know how hot the weather is unless you have a good thermometer. I have just received a new stock of weather, bath, clinical and incubator thermometers. Get one and keep posted, at Stannard's Central Drug Store

Building and Loan Statement.
The following is the statement of the Alma Building and Loan Association from July 1, 1905 to July 1, 1906.

Cash on hand July 1, 1905, \$1,000.00
Installments received, 5,552.40
Interest received, 124.64
Total, \$6,677.04
Paid out for loans, 5,118.18
Paid out for expenses, 170.00
Paid out for interest, 38.00
Paid out for taxes, 240.00
Paid out for other, 117.00
Cash on hand July 1, 1906, \$1,280.00
Loans, 14.20
Expenses, 435.75
Taxes on real estate, 69.56
Taxes on personal property, 15.81
Taxes payable, 240.00
Matured stock, 100.00
\$6,508.81 \$6,508.81

BALANCE SHEET.
Assets: Loans, \$1,280.00; Real estate, \$14.20; Contract, \$435.75; Taxes on real estate, \$69.56; Taxes on personal property, \$15.81; Insurance paid on loans, \$240.00; Reserve, \$117.00; Unearned premium, \$100.00; Total, \$6,508.81.
Liabilities: Cash on hand, \$1,000.00; Total, \$6,508.81.

TABLE OF VALUES—July 1, 1906.
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